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Staff meeting.

The Afghan Ambassador called on me. I had Mr. Metcalf with me. The Ambassador explained at great length the difficulties [redacted] his Government was having with Pakistan over Pushtunistan. This is a complicated question in which national prestige, commercial relationships, and [redacted] other considerations are involved on both sides. I strongly advised the Ambassador to have his Government resume normal diplomatic relations with Pakistan by sending a chief of mission to Karachi. I told him [redacted] I would carefully consider what he had said and talk to him about it at a future date.

John Cabot, our Ambassador-designate to Pakistan, came to see me. I told him that, if his domestic situation made it [redacted] difficult for him to go, we could offer him an interesting place in the Department, or let him replace Foy Kohler at the Voice of America headquarters in New York. In any event, we do not want him to resign from the Service. He is a man of real character and ability. He will talk this over with Messrs. Matthews and Humelsine before returning to Massachusetts to discuss it with his family.

Gordon Arneson came to see me about [redacted] atomic affairs.

I then went over with Mr. Metcalf our conversation with the Afghan this morning.

At 3:30 I met Bob Lovett at the White House and, after explaining the communications intelligence problem, the President signed the appropriate papers.

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